

## Some Record Trout Caught With Rod and Reel

WORLD RECORD				CALIFORNIA RECORD		
Species	Place caught	Pounds and ounces	Year	Place caught	Pounds and ounces	Year
Rainbow	British Columbia	36	1954	Feather River	21-3	1926
Steelhead Rainbow	Wyoming	11	1948	Smith River	21-6	1948
Golden	Nevada	41	1925	Virginia Lake	9-14	1952
Lahontan Cutthroat	Loch Awe, Scotland	39-8	1866	Lake Tahoe	31-8	1911
Brown	Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho	32	1949	Regulator Lake	24	1945
Eastern Brook	Ontario	14-8	1916	Silver Lake	9-12	1932
Dolly Varden	Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho	37	1947	McCloud Reservoir	9-1*	1968
Lake	Lake Superior	63-2	1952	Lake Tahoe	32-12	1926

\*Dressed weight; in the round this fish probably weighed 10 pounds or more. Dolly Varden trout weighing over 10 pounds have been reported from the McCloud River but these reports have not been fully verified.

Certainly only "one in a million" trout will reach the maximum age for any particular species and it is difficult to say how old trout might live to be if a violent death or some disease did not intervene. In the following table are listed some of the oldest trout for which there are records.

### Oldest Known Trout

Species	Where found	Age in years
Rainbow	Michigan and Canada	7
Steelhead Rainbow	Oregon	9
Eagle Lake Rainbow	California (Eagle Lake)	11
Kamloops Rainbow	British Columbia	7
Golden	California (Cottonwood Lakes)	6
Cutthroat	Oregon	10
Brown	Scotland	18
Eastern Brook	California (Bunny Lake)	19
Dolly Varden	California (Mt. Shasta Hatchery)	19
Lake	Northwest Territories	41

As one would expect, trout vary greatly in their age at first spawning. Some trout produce their first lot of eggs when only two years old; it is common for them to mature in three years; others may take longer. Usually trout spawn once a year until they get quite old, although they may miss a year now and then. At one California trout hatchery a few rainbow females spawned twice in one year, but that was the first time such an event had been recorded in the United States.

## TROUT SENSES

Although much is known about the senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch in trout, a good deal remains to be learned.